CHIRP
CHIRP
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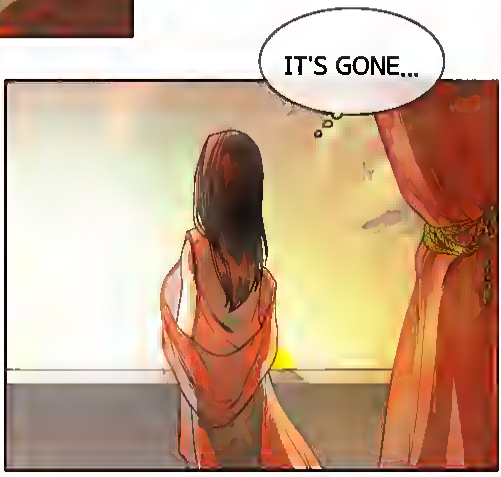
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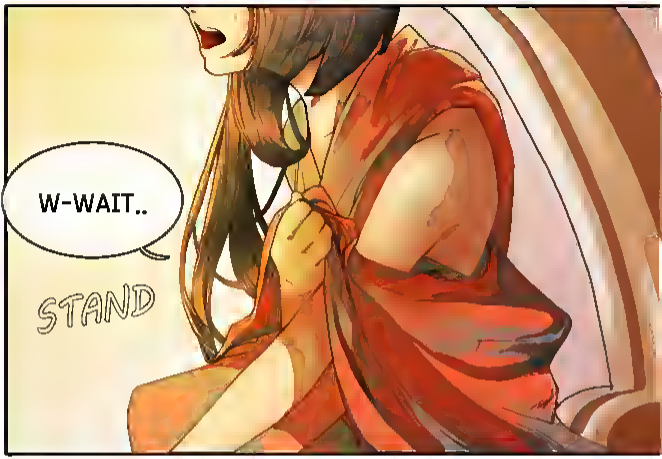
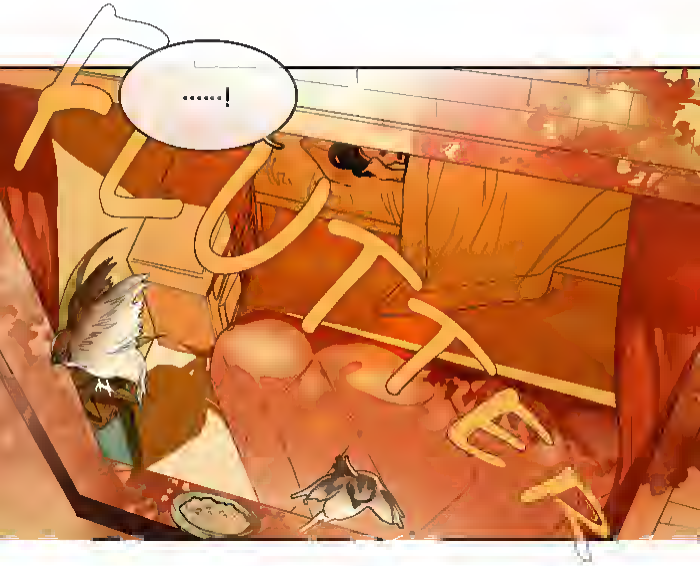
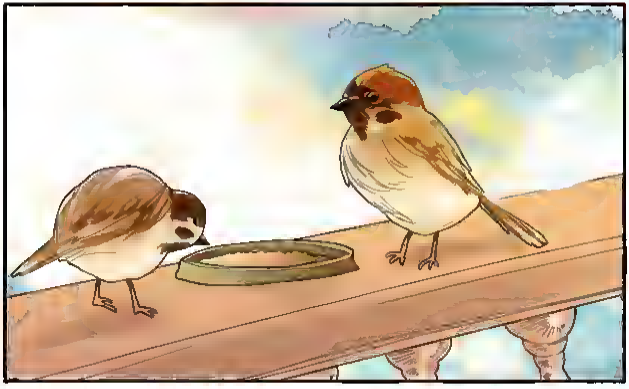

W-WAIT..
STAND

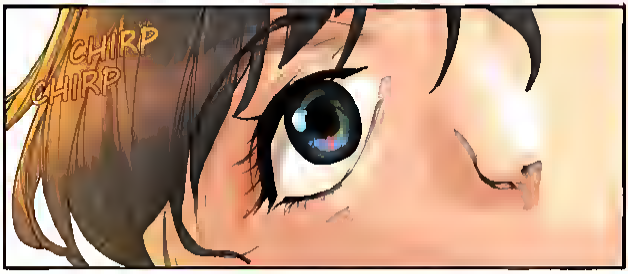
STEP

WHISPER
HI
LITTLE ONE


.....!
FLUTTER

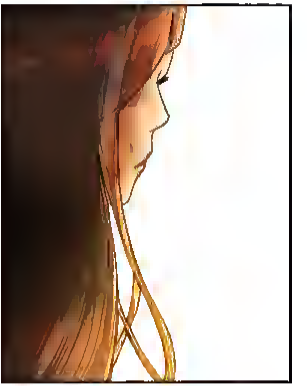
CHIRP
CHIRP
TWEEEET

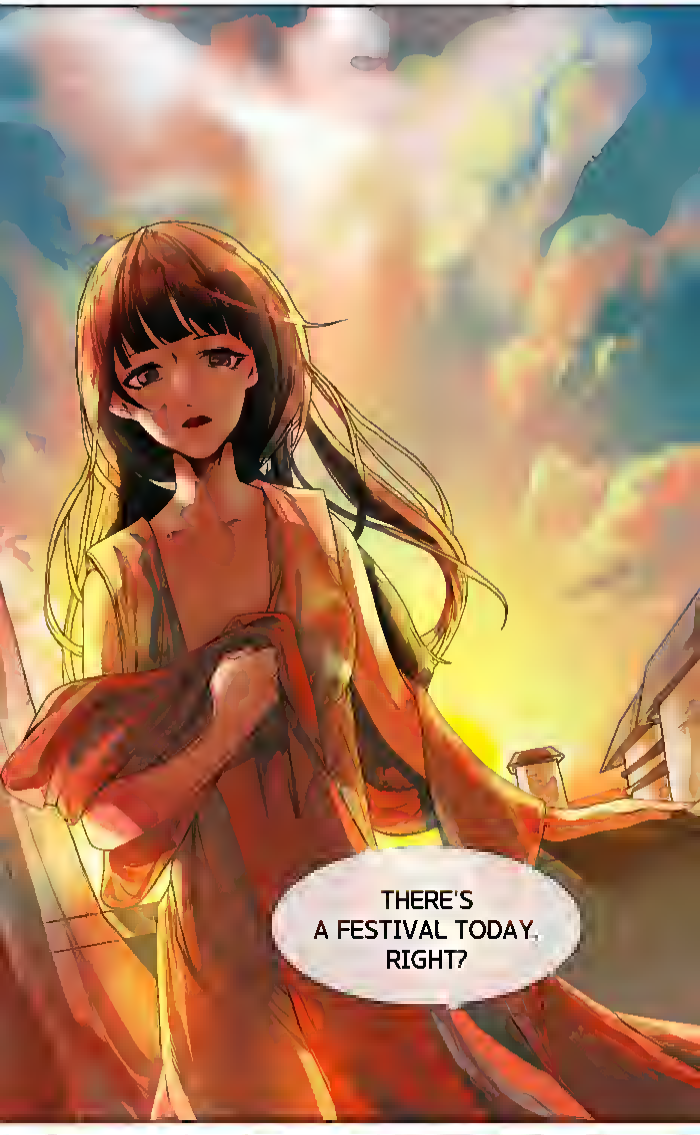



CHIRP
CHIRP

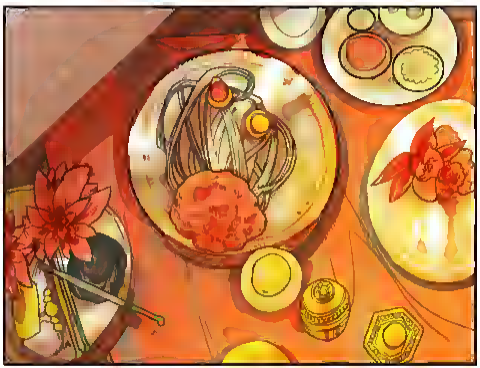
ARE YOU AWAKE, MISS?
KNOCK
KNOCK

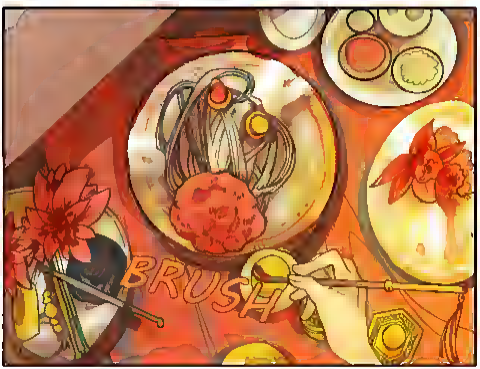
YEAH



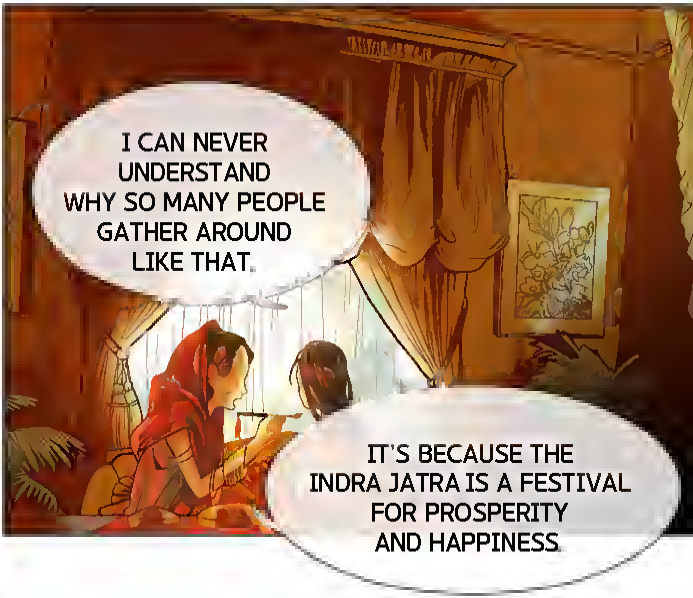

THERE'S
A FESTIVAL TODAY,
RIGHT?

ART / STORY BY HAGA




BRUSH

BRUSH

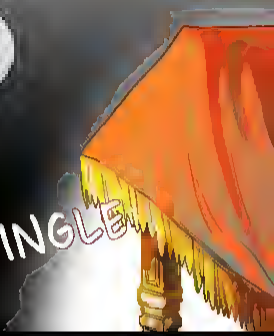

I CAN NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY SO MANY PEOPLE GATHER AROUND LIKE THAT.
IT'S BECAUSE THE INDRA JATRA IS A FESTIVAL FOR PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS.

IT'S SUCH A NUISANCE, THOUGH..
A NUISANCE?
WELL,
STILL,

IT WAS SO HARD HAVING TO BE WHEELED AROUND NONSTOP FOR 3 DAYS.

AS SOON AS I BECAME A KUMARI..

RATTLE JINGLE



I GUESS
IT'S BETTER THAN
THE KUMARI
FESTIVAL.

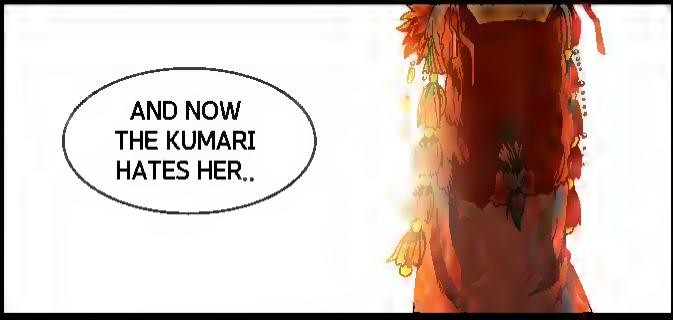
JINGLE
JINGLE
RATTLE

WAVE
WAVE

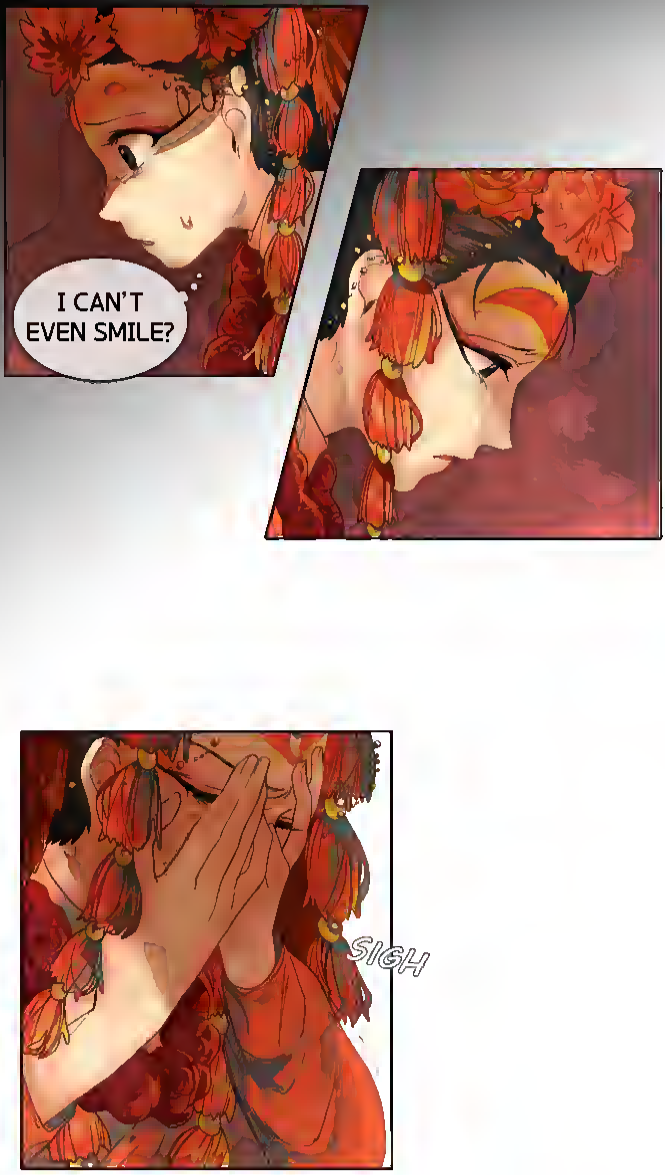
HERE'S A CALENDULA FLOWER OF BLESSING FOR YOU.
SMILE

TURN
MY CHILD!!
GRAB

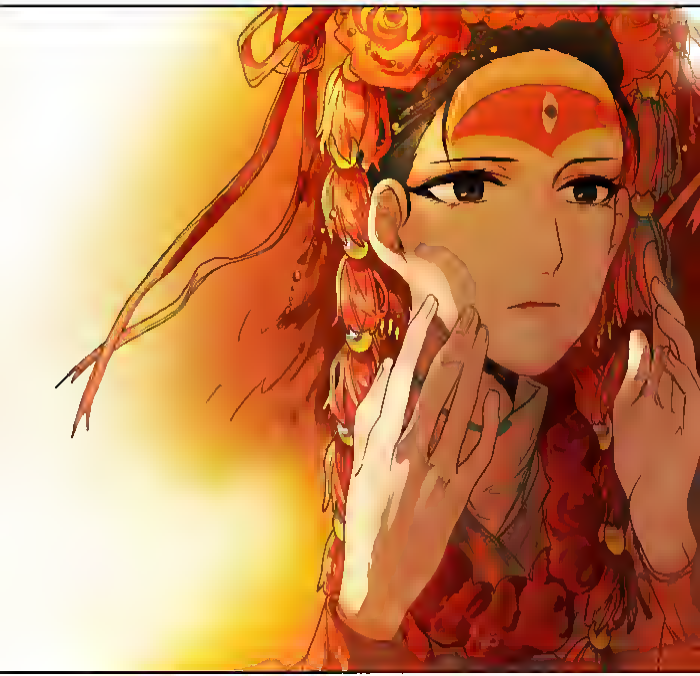
SQUEEZE
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
THE KUMARI SMILED


AND NOW
THE KUMARI
HATES HER..

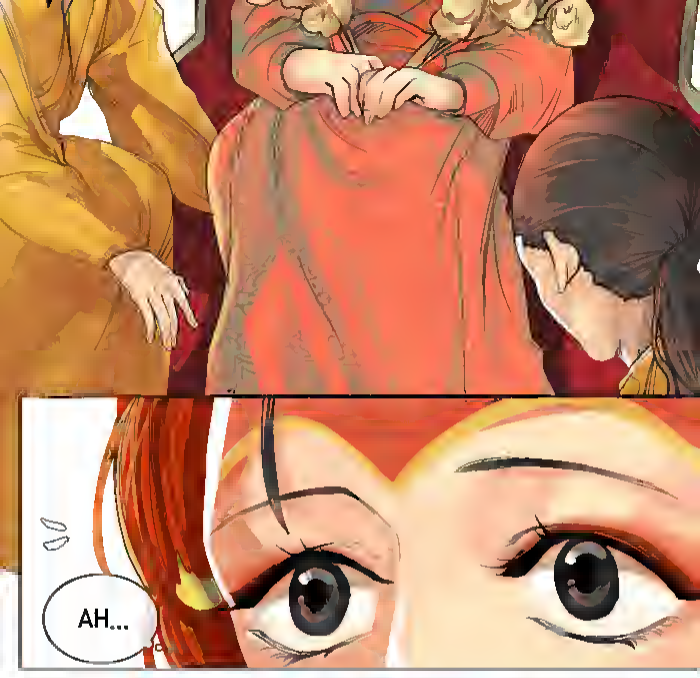
WHISPER
SPIN
YOU COULD EVEN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES.
WHISPER
MY GOODNESS, SHE'S BEEN CURSED.
WHISPER
SHE'S STILL A KID..


I CAN'T EVEN SMILE?
SIGH

WHERE ARE WE GOING TODAY?
JINGLE
JINGLE
I HOPE I WON'T HAVE TO SIT HERE ALL DAY LIKE LAST TIME



WELL,
I DON'T REALLY
CARE WHERE
WE GO
ANYWAY...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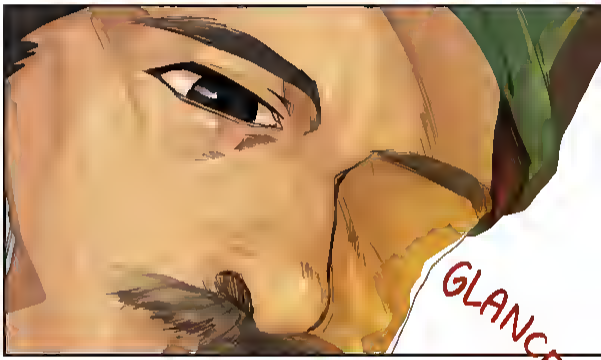
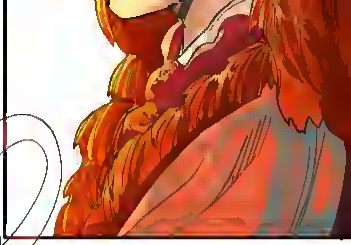

GLANCE

IT'S THE KING!

STEP
STEP
STEP



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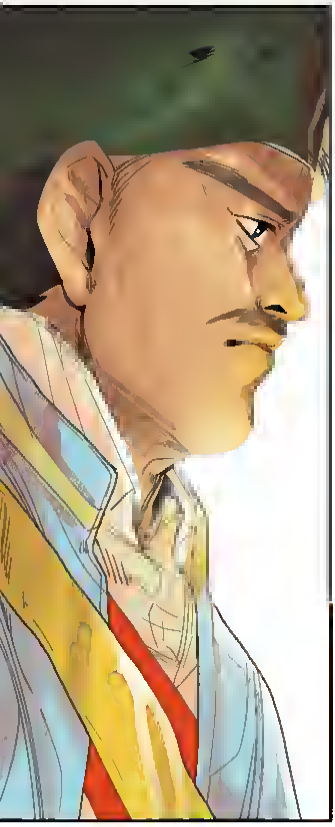

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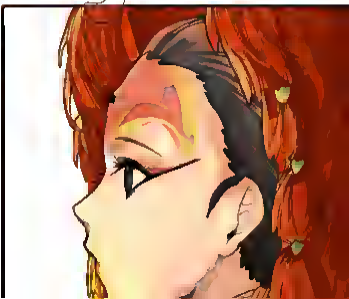

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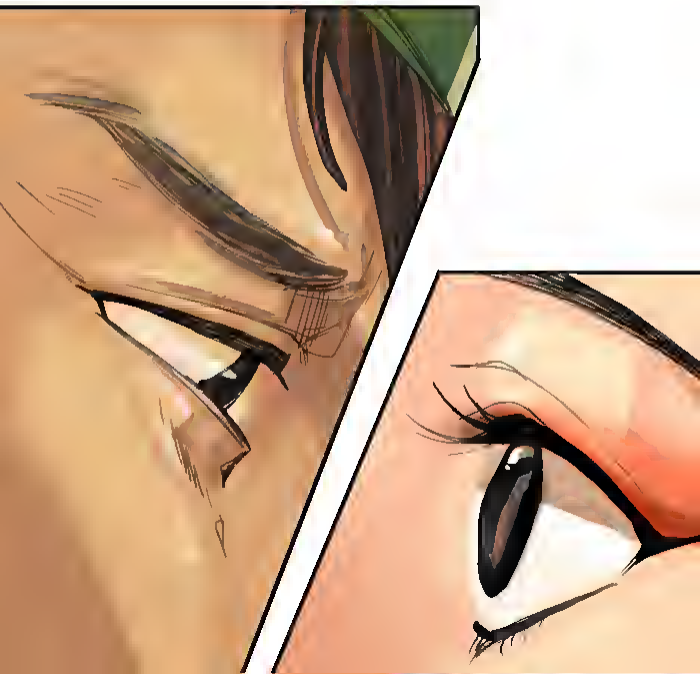
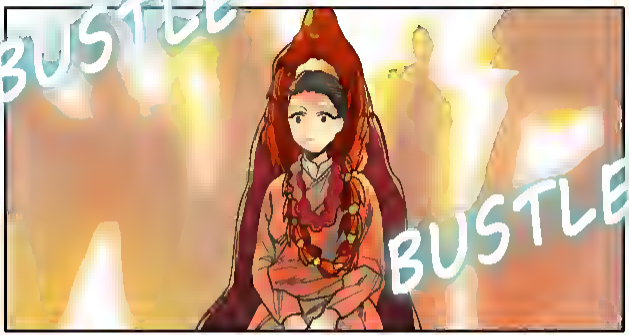


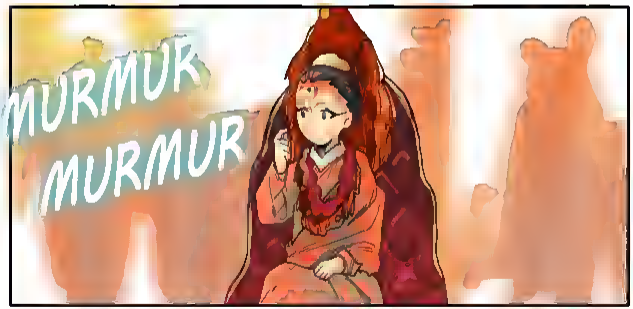
BOW

I CAN'T SMILE FOR YOU,
BUT I WILL BLESS YOU.

REACH

*IN NEPAL, THE KUMARI IS CONSIDERED EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN THE KING, AND BY USING RED POWER TO PUT A DOT ON HIS FOREHEAD, SHE GIVES HIM HER BLESSING. BUT SHE CANNOT SMILE, CRY, SPEAK OR WALK ON HER OWN FEET.


BUSTLE
BUSTLE


MURMUR
MURMUR

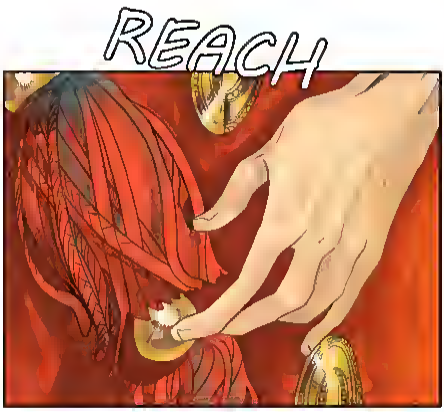
THIS IS SO BORING..
EVERYDAY'S THE SAME THING. BUT TODAY MY BACK IS SORE SO I FEEL EVEN WORSE.

AGH MY BACK!

AM I JUST SUPPOSED TO KEEP BLESSING PEOPLE AND THEN IT'S ALL OVER?

..ALL OVER? BUT WHAT?

THROB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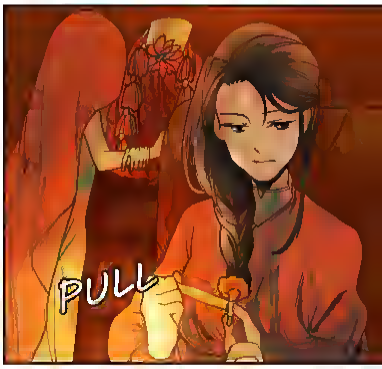
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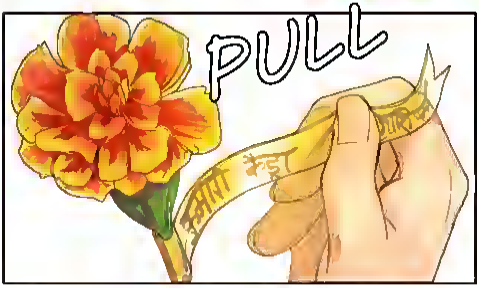
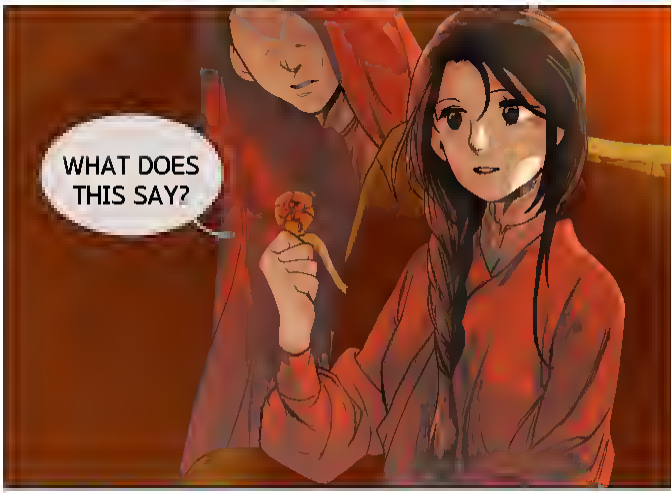

PULL

WAVE
HEY.



KUMARI

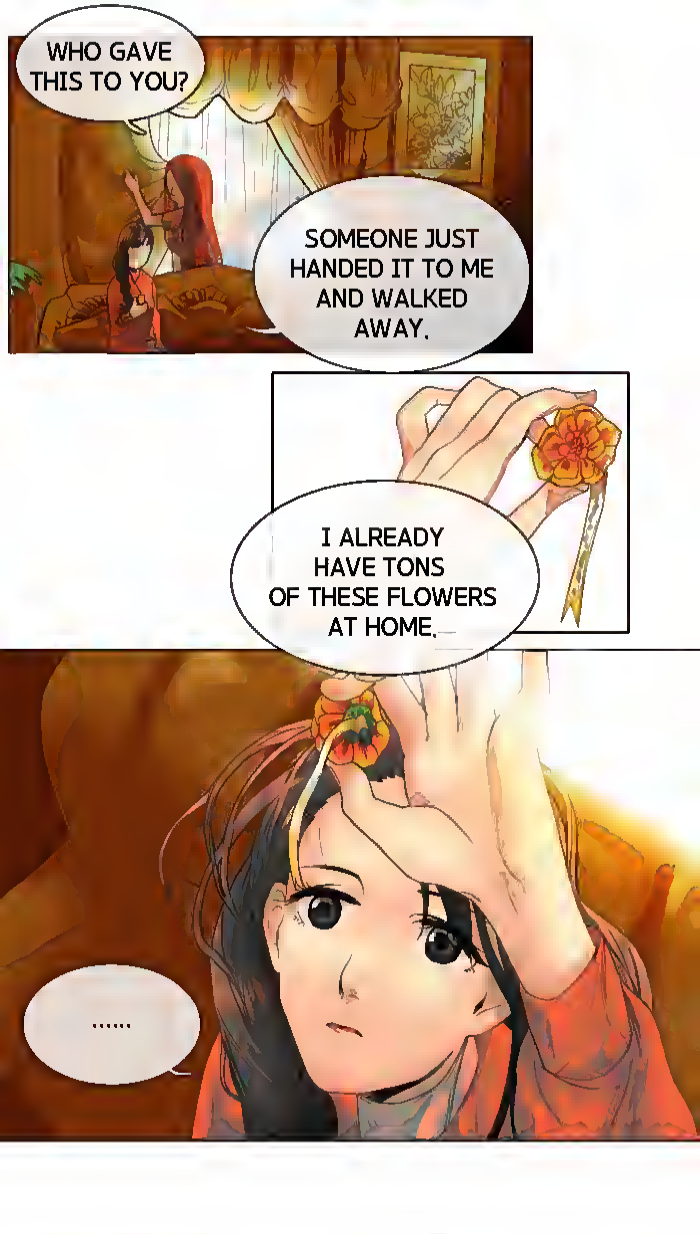
कुमारी

कैइा

CALENDULA FLOWER

अशिष्

BLESSING...

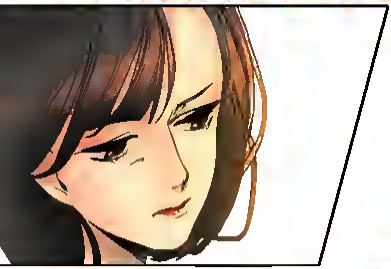

WHO GAVE THIS TO YOU?
SOMEONE JUST HANDED IT TO ME AND WALKED AWAY.
I ALREADY HAVE TONS OF THESE FLOWERS AT HOME.
.....

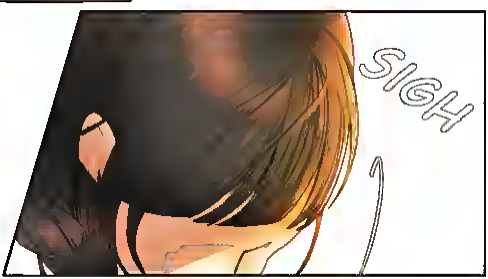
CAN'T I LEARN TO READ ONE OF THESE DAYS?
TAP TAP
OF COURSE YOU CAN.
NO, I MEAN... I WANNA GO TO A NORMAL SCHOOL..
WELL, THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.

SIZZLE
SIZZLE
ENJOY YOUR DINNER.

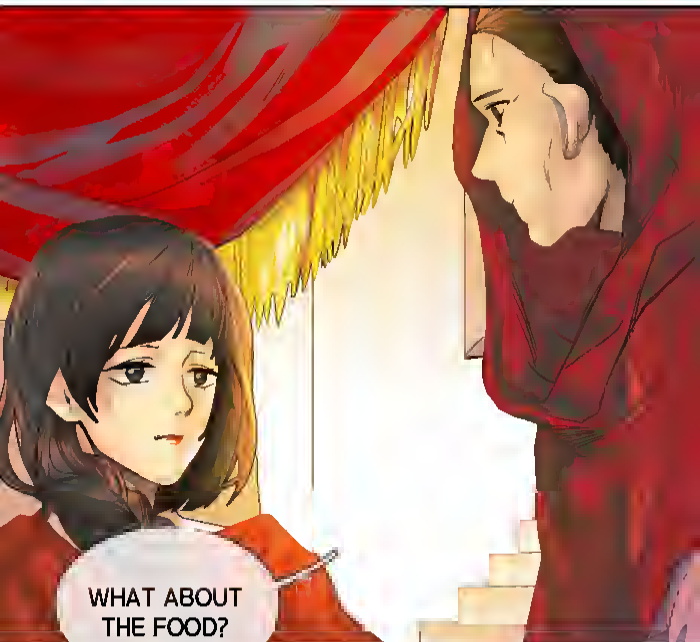
TAP
I DON'T FEEL LIKE EATING TODAY. I JUST WANNA GO TO BED.

MUNCH
MUNCH

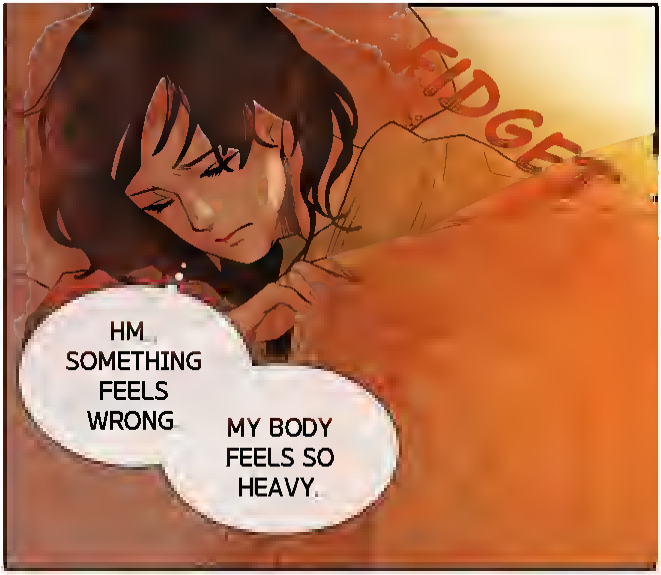



SIGH

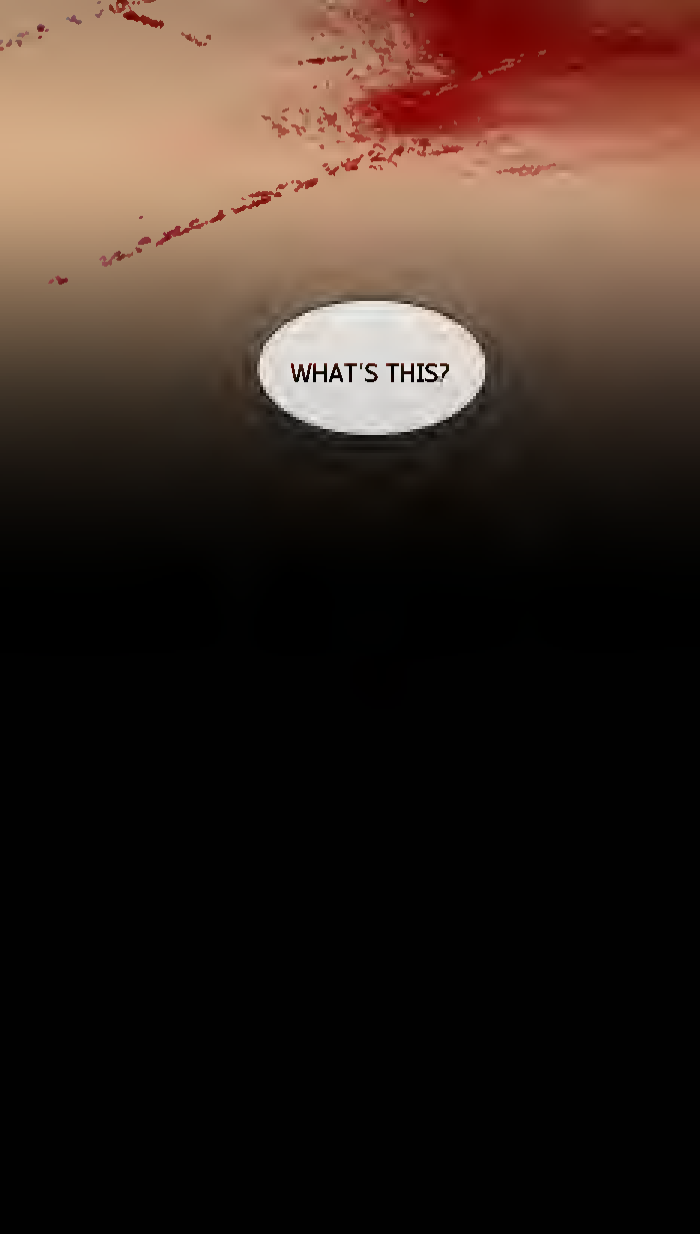
LIFT


WHAT ABOUT THE FOOD?
JUST..
THROW IT OUT.

IT'LL PROBABLY BE BETTER
IN THE MORNING


FIDGET
HM. SOMETHING FEELS WRONG
MY BODY FEELS SO HEAVY.

GULP


WHAT'S THIS?